

***The Limit*** by Kristen Landon

Fast paced and inventive, this dystopian thriller follows a math whiz who runs afoul of an intrusive government. In 13-year-old Matt's world, the government can place children in workhouses if a family spends over their debt limit. Matt's family scoffs at others who can't keep track of their finances until they, too, overspend, and Matt finds himself carted off to a high-rise facility. Because he's a genius, Matt is placed on the top floor, living luxuriously as he works for corporations, trying to pay down his family's debt. When several children suffer from debilitating headaches and seizures that don't alarm the staff, Matt realizes something's wrong and uses his hacking skills to uncover what's really going on. Landon never fills out a mind-reprogramming element in her story line, focusing instead on simple snooping and chase scenes to boost suspense. She more or less succeeds, penning a story with a creative scenario that easily holds readers' interest even if it doesn't stretch their imaginations much. Diverting entertainment with an original premise that's never wholly realized. (Thriller. 8-12)

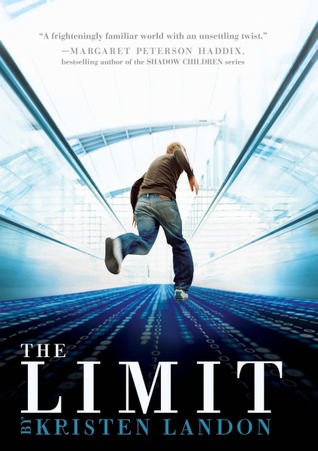
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Online

Welcome!

**Collaborize Classroom Book Club**

Welcome to our online book club! This is a space where we can have conversations about the books we read each month. Students, teachers and parents are welcome to join in these discussions.

* Once you sign-up in the library, you will be sent an invitation to join via email.
* There will be an informational meeting at school during Channel One on October 8th to show you how to use the Collaborize Classroom website.

**Objectives:**

* Inspire a love of reading.
* Encourage students to read for pleasure.
* Begin a thoughtful dialogue about literature.
* Provide students with an opportunity to think critically about literature and practice reading strategies.
* Build relationships between students, teachers and parents that will strengthen our school community.

As we begin our discussions online it is important to remember that to be a successful book club we must respect each other. We may not always agree with one another’s perspectives or points of view, but we need to stay open-minded and supportive in our online dialogue. Remember that a variety of opinions will make our discussions interesting.

Please review the following **expectations for online communication**:

* Use each other’s names.
* Be considerate.
* Ask questions.
* Listen to all the ideas presented and stay open-minded.
* Respond instead of reacting.
* Reread your messages before sending to avoid confusion.
* Actively engage in the conversation by posting thoughtful responses to the questions and replying to the other members of our book club.

**What We’re Reading**

*The Limit* by Kristen Landon

We will be reading *The Limit* for the next 5 weeks. Please try to follow along as best as you can. It is ok to read ahead as long as you don’t give the plot away to those who are following this schedule. If you are having difficulties, please let me know and I will help you.

Discussion questions should be posted on the website Monday mornings. If you do not have Internet access at home, you may use the library computers before & after school.

***The Limit* Reading Schedule:**

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| Week #1 | October 8-14 | Chapters 1 - 5 |
| Week #2 | October 15-21 | Chapters 6 - 10 |
| Week #3 | October 22-28 | Chapters 11 - 15 |
| Week #4 | October 29-Nov. 4 | Chapters 16 - 20 |
| Week #5 | November 5-11 | Chapters 21 - 26 |

**FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS**

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| **DAY** | | **TIME** |
| MONDAY | October 8th | Channel One |
| WEDNESDAY | October 17th | Channel One |
| MONDAY | October 22nd | Channel One |
| WEDNESDAY | October 31st | Channel One |
| MONDAY | November 5th | Channel One |
| WEDNESDAY | November 14th | 2:45 pm—3:30 pm |

If you fall behind in the reading, let me know. This is an activity that can be very flexible and tailored to your needs and wishes. This is your club too and we can all learn how to manage it together.

☺ Happy Reading!

Ms. Trowbridge